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Day care worker charged in child death case

Supervisor faces felony endangerment charge

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

DONNELLSON - A supervisor and teacher at a Donnellson day care center was arrested today in connection with the death of a child that occurred in December, according to a release from the Iowa Department of Public Safety.

On December 3, 2018 at approximately 8:48 a.m., the Lee County Emergency Medical Service Paramedics were dispatched and responded to an unresponsive child at the Raisin Em Up Daycare, located at 607 Park Street, Donnellson.



The child was transported to the Fort Madison Community Hospital and later transported to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics where the child was provided advanced medical treatment. On December 11, 2018 the child was withdrawn from life support and was pronounced deceased.

On Thursday, Laura McDowell, the site supervisor and lead teacher of the daycare was charged with the crime of Child Endangerment Causing a Death, a Class B Felony. McDowell was booked into the Lee County Jail pursuant to a warrant. McDowell is being held on a \$25,000 cash bond.

This was a joint investigation by the Donnellson Police Department, the Lee County Attorney's Office, the Iowa Department of Human Services, and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

The arrest comes on the heels of 15 complaints that were released by the Iowa Department of Human Services on the facility where the death occurred and another Raisin' Em Up learning center in Donnellson. Those complaints were from unannounced visits to the center in April and June of this year.

The complaints listed were varied, including staff sleeping while children were under their supervision, duplicating medications, unlawful transportation, failure to use curriculum, leaving children on buses unattended, and improper ratios of supervisors to

According to the release no other information will be released at this time.

Reynolds touts power of Grow Lee, LCEDG

Governor says she's not giving up on rural broadband funding

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

KEOKUK - With Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds seated in the front of the room, Lee County Economic Development Group President Dennis Fraise compared economic development - to a duck.

Reynolds was in town, as has been the case with several of the LCEDG efforts, to help celebrate the group's

accomplishments in the past six years. Earlier this week, the LCEDG board announced that Fraise had been named president of the group, and Dana Millard had been promoted to Economic Develop-

ment Project Director.

FRAISE

Fraise started, at Meyer's Courtyard in Keokuk, with recognizing the successful

programming of the private/public partnership LCEDG has created since being fully funded by Lee County Supervisors just six years ago. That funding formula now is 40% public and 60% private investors.

LCEDG just wrapped up its second capital campaign and raised close to \$1.3 million, including a 36% increase in investors.

"That's the best score card for us. When you see a 36%



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

lowa Gov. Kim Reynolds speaks with the media following her address to the Lee County Economic Development Group's annual meeting Thursday in Keokuk.

increase in investors that tells you - I think we're doing some good stuff," he said.

But he said a lot of the work being done can't be seen by the public, similar to all the work a duck does to move gracefully across a pond.

"Economic Development is lot like a duck," Fraise said. "But like that duck we're always moving forward and unrelenting in our drive and passion to move Lee County forward.

"What you see is the rather serene, beautiful creature

sailing across the water without a care in the world, but what's happening underneath is this frenetic amount of energy and all these things going on."

He said the pace of information and opportunity is at a level never seen before, and said lines of communication between the public and private entities embroiled in economic development has to be clean and effective.

Fraise mentioned a request that was in front of the

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Obituaries/Local News

Police issue rodeo parking reminder

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Police Department would like to remind residents about the Tri-State Rodeo Parade's "No Parking" restrictions on Saturday morning, September 7, 2019.

On Saturday, all parking will be prohibited in the following areas beginning at 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and these areas will have "No Parking" signs posted.

•Avenue G from 27th Street to 2nd Street. This is the parade route and all parked cars in violation of the parking restriction will be towed at the expense of the owners.

•The parade's staging areas, which in-

clude Richards Drive to 30th Street and adjacent side streets.

•North side of Avenue E from 15th Street to 2nd Street.

•North side of Avenue F from 5th Street to 9th Street.

•The Fort Madison Police Department would also like to remind motorists about the temporary four-way stop intersections on Avenue E at 9th Street, 15th Street and 18th Street beginning Friday, August 28, 2019.

These intersections will return to two-way stop intersections on Monday, September 9, 2019.

OBITUARIES

JUDITH K. HUPRICH

Judith K. "Judy" Huprich, 72, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2019, at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa. She was born on December 19, 1946, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Kenneth

and Virginia (Schroeder) Carson. On March 18, 1967, she married Walter Huprich. They later divorced.

Survivors include her two brothers: Richard Carson of St. Paul, Iowa, John (Mary) Carson of West Point, Iowa; three sisters: Charla Warner of Bonaparte, Iowa, Barbara (Charles) Rockhold of Lineville, Missouri and Margaret Moeller of Fort Madison, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother: James Carson; sis-

ter: Pam Carson and two nephews: Michael Carson and Daniel Warner. Judy graduated from ACL High School in Lineville. She retired as plant manager from Sheaffer Pen Company after thirty-eight years. She enjoyed gardening, hosting family

holidays at her home and watching NASCAR. She was an avid Dale Earnhardt, Jr. fan. The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 25, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 26, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point with Pastor Larry Shipley officiating.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

A memorial has been established in her memory for West Point Fire and Rescue. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

CHAD KRUEGER

Chad Krueger, 47, of Denmark, died Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at his home. No services are planned. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.



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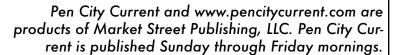
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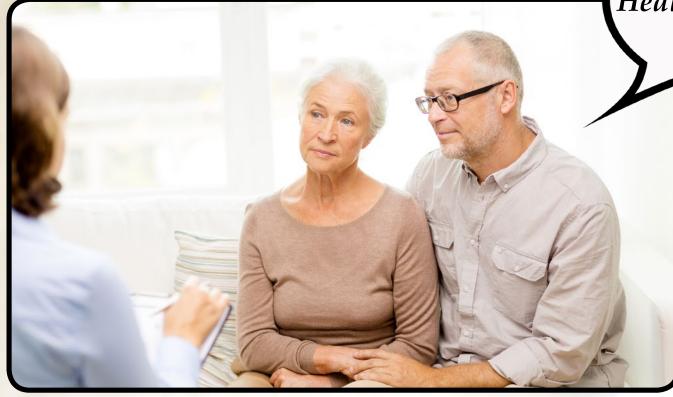
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Fort Madison Police Report

08/16/19 - 8:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2500 block of Avenue L. 08/16/19 - 11:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2500 block of Avenue G. 08/16/19 – 3:09 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H. 08/16/19 – 6:52 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 3100 block of Avenue O. 08/17/19 – 11:31 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue L. 08/17/19 – 12:16 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run on Oak Drive. 08/17/19 - 6:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue I. 08/17/19 – 6:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Avenue O. 08/17/19 – 9:03 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

08/18/19 - 6:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J. 08/18/19 – 7:54 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 4800 block of Avenue O. 08/18/19 – 9:54 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3700 block of Avenue L. 08/18/19 - 10:18 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue A. 08/18/19 - 10:48 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of 48th Street. 08/20/19 – 6:11 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100 block of Avenue B. 08/20/19 – 7:58 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Chance Lee Horton, 20, of Fort Madison in the 2800 block of Avenue A, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation. 08/21/19 - 12:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Avenue G. 08/21/19 – 2:17 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Tanya Lynn Hagerman, 39, of Fort Madison, on a

warrant for parole violation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/21/19 - 12:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of Avenue E. 08/21/19 - 1:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the Fort Madison area. 08/21/19 - 1:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 08/21/19 – 1:54 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3700 block of Avenue L. 08/21/19 – 8:31 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jeremiah Johnson Turner, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on warrants for possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/21/19 - 11:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5400 block of Avenue O. 08/21/19 – 11:43 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jessica Kim Bower, 29, of Fort Madison in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of burglary-2nd degree. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

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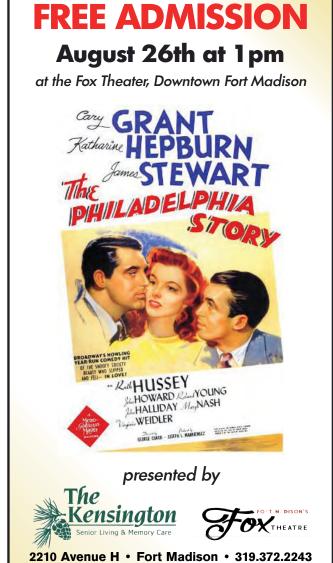
Lee County
Sheriff's Report
08/16/19 – midnight – Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sophia Susan Becerril, 54, of Fort Madison, no location listed, on a warrant for contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear. 08/16/19 - 1:08 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Shane Michael Phillips, 19, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on warrants for theft in the 2nd degree and probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/16/19 - 8:47 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Kyhlie Cathlynne Daughters, 18, of Montrose in the 2400 block of Hillcrest in Donnellson, on a charge of possession of alcohol under the legal age. She was released upon citation. 08/16/19 - 3:08 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Larry Dean Messerschmitt, 68, of Fort Madison at the intersection of Hwy. 2 and West Point Road on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released upon paying a fine. 08/17/19 - 6:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Alan Eaton, 42, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of Fulton Street in Keokuk on charges of interference with official acts, possession of a controlled substance, no valid driver's

license and failure to use seat belts. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear. 08/18/19 – 8:16 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher David Sattler, 29, of West Point, on a warrant for judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/19/19 - 2:28 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Criss Shadee Tajeddin, 26, of Mt. Pleasant, at the Salem Stub on a warrant for forgery. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/19/19 - 5:13 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 15-year-old female at the Southeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Center on a charge of simple assault. She was held in custody pending a court appearance. 08/19/19 – 7:43 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Andrew Whitaker, 27 of Fort Madison at the Lee County Jail and on a judgment hold. He was held in custody. 08/20/19 - 4:12 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Charles Corcoran, 38, of Fort Madison in the 1100 block of 14th Street on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/20/19 - 5:28 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Gene Kay, Jr., 54, of Keokuk, at the Livingston County Jail in Pontiac, III., on warrants for probation violation and contempt of court. He was held in custody. 08/20/19 - 8:41 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Payton Carlyle Scott, 19, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of 340th Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for domestic assault with bodily injury and a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/21/19 - 7:33 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Christopher Mena. 30. of Keokuk. at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/21/19 - 8:31 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeremiah Johnson Turner, 22, of Fort Madison at the intersection of 48th Street and Avenue L, on warrants for contempt of court and failure to appear and charges of failure to have a valid license and failure to obey a stop/ yield sign. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/22/19 - 12:10 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dustin Roy Aycock, 28, of Fort Madison at the intersection of 34th Street and Avenue N, on a warrant for contempt of court and charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 08/22/19 - 2:21 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Scott Coulter, 39, of Donnellson, at the intersection of 34th Sgtreet and Avenue L, on a warrant for contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.











5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

FRI 23 Aug



Clear Skies High – 75.5° F | Low – 59.1° F

SAT 24 Aug



Overcast High- 72.6° F | Low - 59.4° F

SUN 25 Aug



Rain High– 65.1 F | Low – 64.4° F

MON 26 Aug



Rain High – 77.6° F | Low – 67.7° F

TUE 27 Aug



Clear Skies High– 76.4° F | Low – 61.8° F

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Obituaries/Lee County News

Lee County Conservation shutters Red Wing Access

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – Red Wing Access is closed indefinitely along the Des Moines River.

The Lee County Conservation Board voted back in April to close this area as the access has suffered a lot of erosion causing the bank to destabilize and become dangerous.

Repeated high water events have also damaged the boat ramp. Due to high water this summer and muddy conditions, it has taken some time to be able to close down the access point.

"According to my staff's calculations, we have lost over 10 feet of the bank at this location over the past ten years. The bank has eroded into the parking lot, creating an unsafe condition for vehicles," said Lee County Conservation District Director Nathan Unsworth.

Boaters are encouraged to utilize the Turkey Run



Courtesy Pho

Dangerous bank conditions and erosion has caused the Lee County Conservation Board to close the Red Wing access to the Des Moines River indefinitely.

Access further upstream or the Keokuk public ramps to access the river.

"You can still access Red Wing Access by foot, but the area is closed to vehicles," Unsworth said. "There was a lot of sediment deposited by the recent flood at the access. Additional debris has temporarily been piled on-site as the Secondary Roads Department works to clean up sediment along the roadway. Please be patient as we work through this issue."

The Conservation Board is working with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program exploring potential water trails on local rivers. The Conservation Board hopes to identify potential new access sites through the planning process.

For more information about this issue, the public is encouraged to call the Lee County Conservation Center at 319-463-7673

Baxter Sports Complex offers fall flag football

FORT MADISON – In conjunction with Fort Madison Football, Inc. , Baxter Sports Complex is proud to offer the youth flag football league once again. Working closely with the football coaching staff at FMHS this league will help pave the way for area youth to participate in middle school and high school football programs in and around Fort Madison.

An alternative to full contact football, Fort Madison's youth

flag football league is designed to introduce boys and girls grades 1st through 6th to the game of football. Teaching the fundamentals of the game, helping develop and maintain each player's football skills, and providing a solid athletic foundation in a fun, confidence building environment. This league's emphasis is to help encourage and support each player while enhancing and improving

and athletic abilities.

Registration is now open and forms are available at Baxter Sports Complex or you can print the registration form online at www.baxtersportscomplex.com and return to Baxter Sports Complex by August 28th.

Games will be played on Sunday afternoons at Baxter Sports Complex. Once registration is complete and the deadline has passed, players will be placed on their individual teams. Coaches will contact each player's family with practice times and locations, and game schedules.

For additional information please contact Jeff Woodside at <u>baxter-sportsdirector@gmail.com</u> or Andy Lorence at <u>lorence12345@msn.com</u> or you may call 319-372-2932.

OBITUARIES

CAROL E. HILL

Carol Esther Hill, 79, of Nauvoo, Illinois fell asleep in the Lord at 7:45 a.m. Friday, August 16, 2019 at Maple Grove – Hancock Village in Carthage, Illinois surrounded by her loving family.

Born on October 6, 1939 in Billings, Montana, to Cecil Allen and Myrtle Alice (Sherwood) O'Banion. On



and Myrtle Alice (Sherwood) O'Banion. On August 19, 1959 she married Jake Hill, son of Jacob and Magdalena (Michaelis) Hill, in Billings. He preceded her in death on December 12, 2008.

When she was 3 years old, she, her parents and her brother, Ralph Richard, moved to Seattle, Washington and resided there while

her dad worked in the Navy ship yards during World War II for several years and then returned to Billings.

As a youth she trained in tumbling, acrobat, and tap dancing and participated in numerous recitals and competitions. She loved the mountains in Montana and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping with her parents and relatives. As a teenager she spent summers working on her aunt and uncle's ranch. She graduated from Billings Senior High School. She, her parents, and brother joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1950.

In 1968 Jake and Carol built and moved into a new home in Nauvoo. In 1969, Dr. J. LeRoy Kimball, the President of Nauvoo Restoration, Inc. asked her to be the secretary for Nauvoo Restoration, Inc. that began her career with NRI. However, her greatest joys were her sons and their families. She always looked forward to their evening get togethers. She loved to cook for the family. She had various church positions, that of a teacher, President of Relief Society two times, President of the Young Women two times, Stake Relief Society Counselor, and Seminary teacher.

She retired from NRI in 2003 as Administrative Assistant, Director of the Historic Sites, Director of Conservation, Home and Historic Site Interior Director and Office Manager for NRI. One of her hobbies was oil painting and participated in art competitions. She became an avid genealogist and found joy in researching family records and attending the Nauvoo Temple.

Survivors include four sons and their families: Rickie Allen (Kathryn) Hill of Spartanburg, South Carolina; Jared Jake (Amy) Hill of Nauvoo, Illinois; Jason Scott (Allison) Hill of Maricopa, Arizona; Jed Aaron Hill of Nauvoo, Illinois; and daughter-in-law Brielle Hill of Nauvoo, Illinois. She is also survived by sister-in-law Martha O'Banion, brother-in-law Adam Hill, and two sisters-in-law Rosie Freeck and Minnie (Jim) Steffan. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son: Jeffrey Roy; and brother: Ralph O'Banion.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 23, 2019 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Nauvoo, Illinois with Bishop Robert Barlow officiating. Burial will follow at the Nauvoo City Cemetery. Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22, 2019 where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Schmitz – Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo, Illinois. A memorial fund has been established for Blessing Hospice of Quincy, Illinois. Please visit Carol's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com to leave a condolence.





From the Front/Classifieds

Baier says board will honor sacrifices for development

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LCEDG several weeks ago with a company that couldn't email information about the project, but needed a proposal packet in four days.

"I'm proud to say we sent them a very professional, polished presentation with the economic development groups from both cities coming together. That's what you don't see...that frenetic pace with our legs going like this underneath – that you don't see," Fraise said.

Newest LCEDG Chairman Jamie Baier thanked Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds for coming to the event.

"Not just for being here, but for caring about southeast Iowa in a way that makes us feel like we're part of your team," he said.

"We've added many wonderful people with diverse backgrounds to the board, which excites me because I like watching boards work and interacting with people," he said.

Baier said he also knows how businesses in the area feel giving 1,000s of dollars a year to the LCEDG.

"You make a decision to reduce your bottom line by thousands of dollars a year. That's sacrifice and we will honor that in all we do as an organization," Baier said. Reynolds said she talks about the Grow Lee program and LCEDG when she travels the state.

"What there doing in Lee County is phenomenal. They really, really have focused on working with their business and industry and tying that to high schoolers and that's what we want to do," Reynolds said after the meeting.

She pointed to seven straight quarters of wage growth and said 96 of the state's 99 counties are showing wage growth, and the state has jobs looking for people.

"What an amazing opportunity for Iowans to get them the skills to fill the careers that are available," Reynolds said

She also addressed high speed Internet and the problems facing rural Iowa, including Lee County.

"So connecting rural Iowa I asked for \$20 million over two fiscal years. I was able to get five and we're hoping to allocate that," she said. "My hope is that we'll allocate the entire \$5 million and have a waiting list and then I'll go back to the Legislature and ask for the additional \$15 million."

She said with the \$20 million she would have been able to leverage \$120 million from the private sector funding.



Reynolds stands with past LCEDG Chairman Dave Schwartz and board member Phil Hecht who received plaques for their service to the Lee County economic development efforts.

Recent federal data on broadband coverage for Lee County shows strong coverage throughout the county, but officials and residents have said coverage is weak and in some cases is not available at all.

"We can't expect young people to stay in these communities if they can't connect," Reynolds said.

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Lee County Attorney's Office Keokuk, Iowa

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The deadline for submitting a resume is September 6, at 4:30 p.m.

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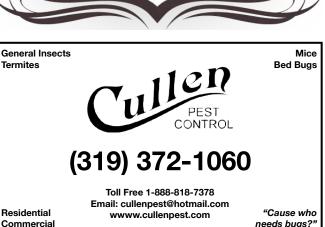


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